

VICTORY'S NEAR, SAYS CHURCHILL KEEP SECRET DATE GERMAN NOTE GOES Administration Officials Also Silent on Reason for Delay in Forwarding.

Declares Heavy Losses Must
Be Expected by British on
Land and Sea.

ACTION IS DEMANDED OF THE NEW CABINET

Former Admiralty Head Declares
Enemy's Measure Has Been Taken.
Avows Seas Are Clear.

DUNDEE, Scotland, June 5.—Winston Spencer Churchill, formerly first lord of the admiralty, who is chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in the coalition cabinet, arrived today at Dundee, which he represents in the house of commons. He was received enthusiastically at a meeting of his constituents. He told them he did not come to Dundee to plan operations or indicate in reproaches or recriminations, for the only thing he cared about was the waging of a successful war on the enemies of Great Britain.

"For four years I have borne heavy responsibilities, being, according to the time-honored language of my patient, responsible to the crown and parliament for all business of the admiralty," Mr. Churchill said.

Bore Responsibility.
"When I say responsible, I was responsible in the sense that I would have to bear the blame for everything that occurred. These years comprise the most important period of our naval history, a period of preparation for war, a period of vigilance and mobilization."

"I have done my best. The archives at the admiralty will show the part I played in all the great transactions that have taken place. To them I look for my defense."

"I look also to the general naval situation. The terrible dangers at the beginning of the war are over. The seas have been swept clear."

Submarine Menace Fixed.
"The submarine menace has been fixed within certain limits. The personal ascendancy of our men and the superior quality of our ships on the high seas have been established beyond doubt or question."

"Our strength has been greatly increased actually and relatively, from what it was at the beginning of the war, and is growing every day by leaps and bounds, in kind and in number, and needed for special purposes of war. By the end of the year the British navy will have received reinforcements which would be incredible if they were not actual facts."

Foe's Measure Taken.
"Everything is in perfect order. Nearly everything has been foreseen. We have taken the measure of our foe and have only to go forward with confidence."

Mr. Churchill added there were two statements he wished to make about the operations at the Dardanelles, and in the Mediterranean, and in the sea. The fleet employed there was composed of a surplus of warships and other needs had been provided for."

"Those who suppose Earl Kitchener embarked on the operation without thoroughly and carefully considering every requirement in relation to the army in France, and the navy in the Mediterranean, are mistaken, but are presumptuous," he continued. "In looking at our losses fairly and squarely we must not forget the prize for which we are contending."

In Few Miles of Victory.
"The forces are within a few miles of a victory such as this war has not seen; a victory which, when it comes, will make amends for all."

Mr. Churchill said he did not think the newspapers should attack responsible leaders of the nation at home or in the field, or publish anything that would tend to bring about a premature end to the war. "If there were any criticism it should be self-praise. That was a matter of self-protection."

Wide Spirit of Sacrifice.
Declaring that it is not possible to win the war without taking men by compulsion, he would support such a measure. Mr. Churchill said that the only duty of the government was to declare what should be done, to propose it to parliament and stand or fall by the result."

WILMINGTON G. O. P. WINS.
Republicans Elect Mayor and Eight of Twelve Councilmen.

WILMINGTON, Del., June 5.—The biennial city election in Wilmington today was carried by the republicans. James F. Price, republican, was elected mayor over J. H. Spruance, democrat, by a vote of 8,000 to 6,200. The republicans elected four candidates for president of councils and also elected eight of the twelve members of city councils, a gain of one.

FIVE BURNED IN "OLD MILL."
One of Children Died From Injuries at Amusement Device.

CHESTER, W. Va., June 5.—Trapped in an amusement device known as the "old mill" at Rock Springs Park, near here, tonight, five children were burned, one fatally, before they were rescued. Seventeen children, members of picnic crowds from schools of surrounding towns, were in three boats within the building when the fire broke out. They were brought out with difficulty. Albert Reiner, twelve years old, of Chester, died later in a hospital.

CONVENTION COST, \$250,000.
Locomotive Engineers, in Session Since May 12, Adjourn.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 5.—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers finished its first triennial convention late this afternoon, after being in session continuously since May 12. It is estimated that the convention cost about \$250,000 for salaries of delegates and other estimates.

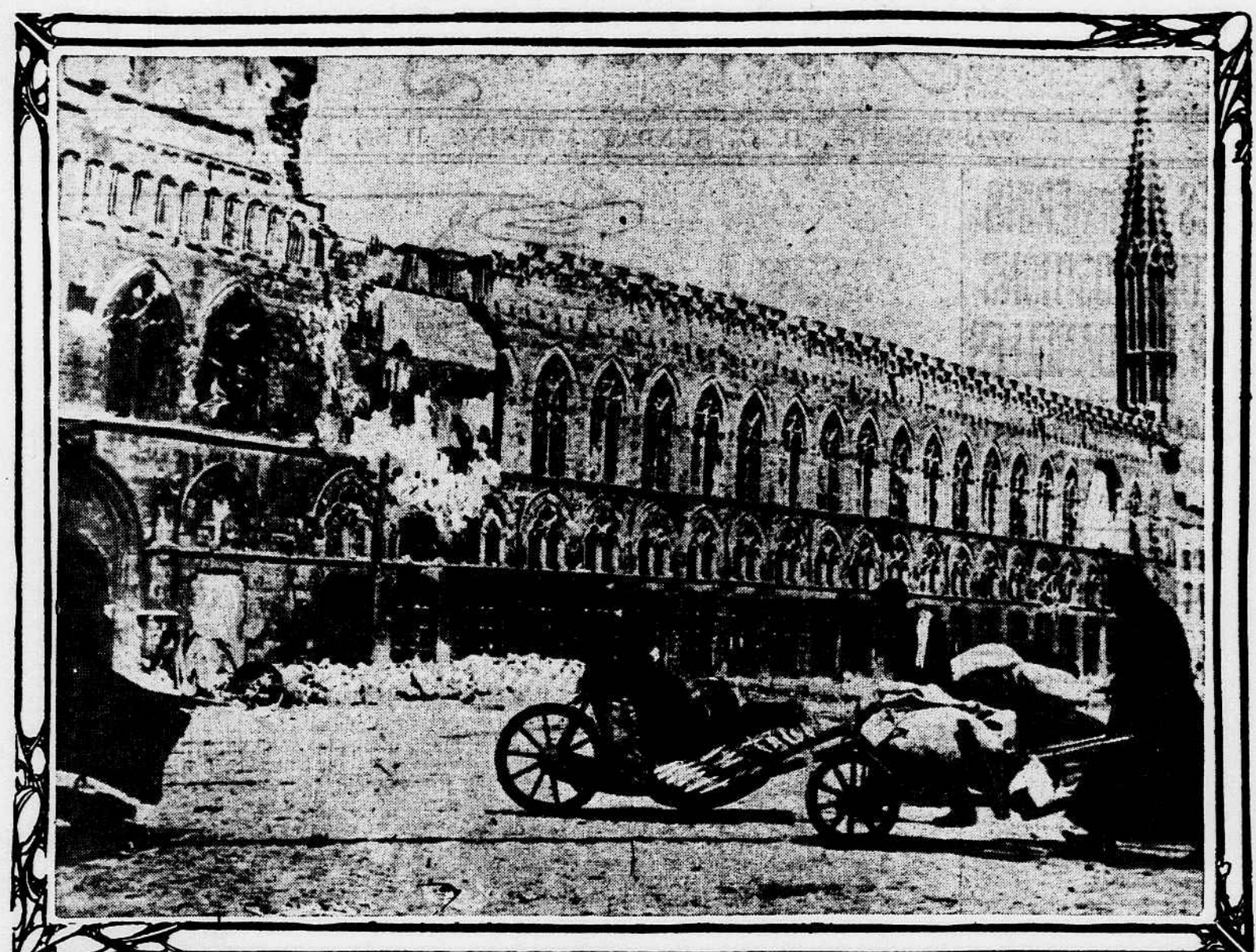
MARY W. PLUMMER NAMED.
Nominated as President of American Library Association.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—For the second time in thirty-seven years the American Library Association today announced the nomination of a woman for its president.

Mary W. Plummer of New York headed the regular ticket on which Baltimore began.

Walter A. Brown, Buffalo, N. Y., was nominated for vice president.

LAST REFUGEES LEAVING THE "DEAD CITY," YPRES.



WRITING OF THE FORMERLY PROSPEROUS AND BEAUTIFUL, BUT NOW UTTERLY RUINED CITY OF YPRES, G. VALENTINE WILLIAMS, THE WAR CORRESPONDENT, SAYS, "THE SILENCE WAS OPPRESSIVE, UNMANNING. IT WAS BROKEN FROM TIME TO TIME ONLY BY THE SHARP REPORT OF OUR (ALLIES) GUNS SHELLING THE GERMANS. NO ONE CAN REMAIN IN YPRES. THE TOWN IS IN ARMY PARLANCE 'DEAD CITY.'"

THE PHOTOGRAPH, TAKEN DURING THE EXODUS OF THE LAST FEW REMAINING INHABITANTS, VIVIDLY ILLUSTRATES THE FLIGHT OF THIS ONCE FAIR, NOW FATED, CITY.

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BATTLE-SCARRED VON HINDENBURG LONGS FOR WALKS AMONG TREES

HANOVER, via London, June 6, 2:24 a.m.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, writing to a friend in Hanover, where the field marshal resided before the war, expressed a longing to walk among the trees of the city, adding:

"But the treacherous intervention of Italy has postponed the time for such recreation. The hours of the campaign will thereby be prolonged, but nothing can now change the final result. I am firmly convinced of this."

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To help the Austrians, who were hard pressed by us, a strong force of German reserves concentrated on the left bank of the River Leng and delivered three furious attacks on the night of June 3-4 on the front between Krowin and Burd.

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ROBERT ROSENTHAL TELLS OF VON PREIGER'S ACTS

Says Chief of Teutonic Secret Service Has Dies to Reproduce United States Seal.

Special Telegram to The Star.
LONDON, June 6.—Capt. von Preiger, the German spy who was captured in London, has a perfect equipment for manufacturing fraudulent American passports, according to a startling confession made by Robert Rosenthal, now under arrest on a charge of espionage.

Rosenthal's confession was made to the military authorities in London. It is the first definite confirmation of a suspicion long held here that fraudulent American passports had actually been issued by some one acting under authority of the German government.

The confession leaves no room for doubt regarding the accuracy of the information. His explanation is thoroughly definite and detailed in all facts. The information thus placed in the hands of the military authorities has been communicated to the American embassy and already has been transmitted to Washington.

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GREAT INTEREST SHOWN IN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Delegates to Recent Financial Conference Eager to Talk Business in St. Louis.

From a Staff Correspondent.
ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 5.—The Latin American delegates from the pan-American financial conference have shown very great interest in the city of St. Louis and the general Mississippi valley business situation, one reason being that St. Louis sent a trade commission through South America a year or so ago.

Many of the financiers of this section feel that the delegates are old friends. It was a St. Louis group which negotiated a series of banking operations with the Ecuador group in Washington whereby the cocoa crop of Ecuador will be financed in advance of actual delivery. St. Louis and New Orleans getting the greatest benefit from it in this country.

Having come this far across the continent, the ideas of many of the delegates were changed in regard to the United States. The great hospitality that has been accorded to them in each city has completely won them over to the Yankees and several of the delegates have frankly confessed their surprise at the splendid manner in which they have been met. As time passes, the delegates find themselves growing more intimate with the United States type of banker and merchant, and in Pittsburgh at least, one or two big business deals were started.

An Active Brazilian.
One of the most active South Americans on the trip is Admiral Cordero da Graça, retired, of the Brazilian navy. The admiral was not a delegate to the pan-American financial conference, he has several government commissions from his native land and is looked upon as a part of the pan-American party. He made a group of business men, and was particularly friendly with the steel men, and it is understood that preliminary negotiations on big steel contracts, hitherto let by Brazil to England, were started through the admiral. On leaving Pittsburgh he took with him a group of steel men in introduction to all sorts of institutions with the United States type of men in Rio de Janeiro and other Brazilian centers.

This is the sort of thing that the pan-American conference was called for and it was business of this kind that Secretary McAdoo had in mind when he spoke of continental solidarity.

Talk Business With Bankers.
St. Louis is after the jobbing trade of South and Central America, as well as after a chance to extend large amounts of credit through the Central American republics. A trip to the big banks of the city today gave the delegates a chance to talk business with the bankers. The prophecy that St. Louis would show off its breweries to the delegates fell flat. The nearest thing to a brewery in the city's elegant hospitality was an afternoon spent on a prominent brewer's country place, once the term U. S. was mentioned. The prophecy that St. Louis would show off its breweries to the delegates fell flat. The nearest thing to a brewery in the city's elegant hospitality was an afternoon spent on a prominent brewer's country place, once the term U. S. was mentioned.

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City Gives Great Greeting.
St. Louis met the special train with a tremendous squadron of police, a battalion of the St. Louis National Guard, together with the U. S. Marine band, and a large number of Missouri, with his staff in full gold lace and heaviest dress uniforms; also a brass band. Finely equipped special street cars, a Pullman, carried the party through the city. The people in shops and factories cheered as it went. The train stopped at the Missouri river, which they crossed early this morning. It was thirty feet above normal and as yellow mud. The bath of waters seemed to have a growth.

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